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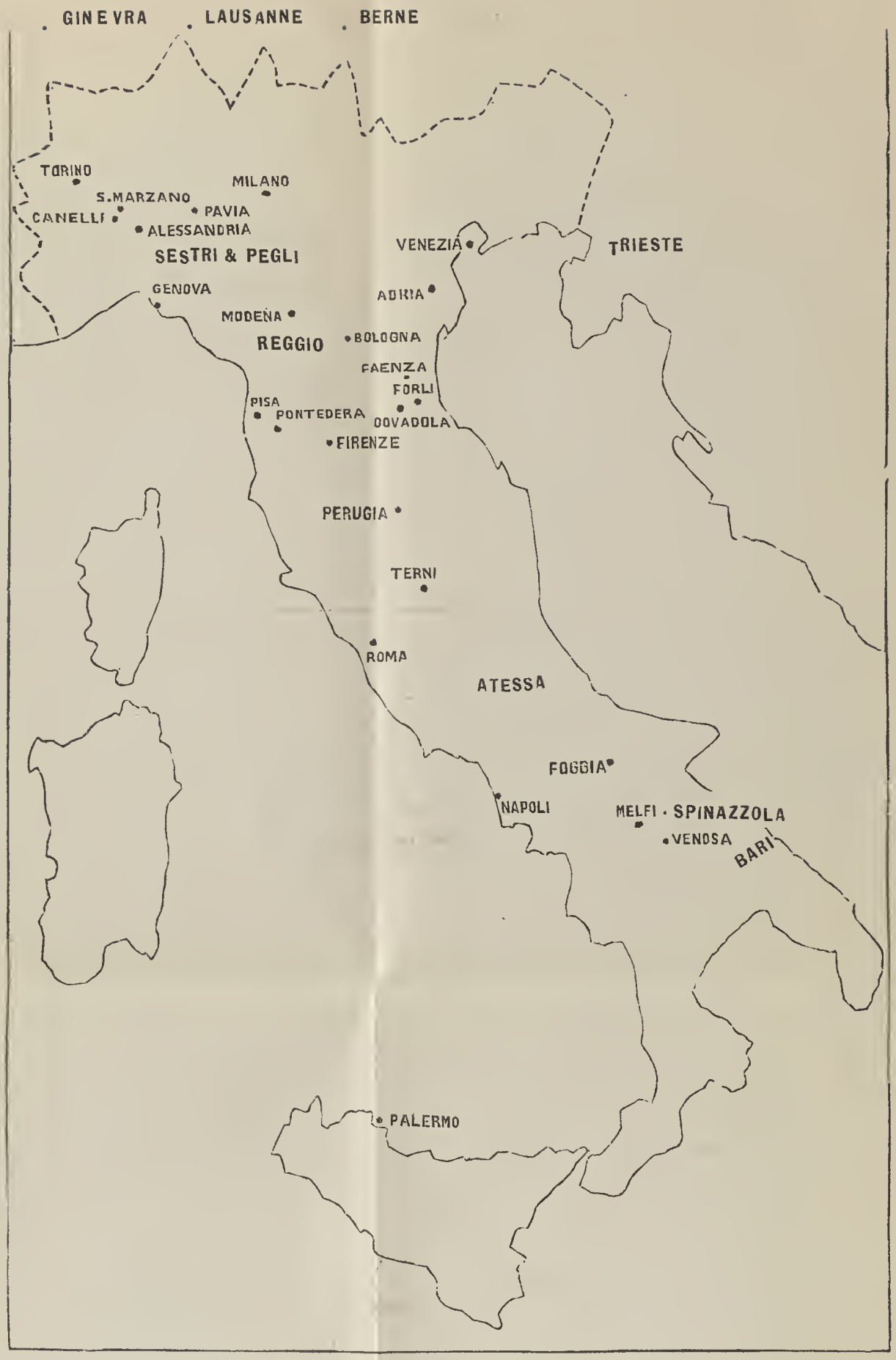
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History.

In 1832 Rev. Charles Elliot D.D. began to advocate the establishment of a Mission to Italy, and again in 1850 he became especially urgent for the project. Bishop Gilbert Haven joined heartily in the advocacy of this movement.

In September 1870 a resolution was passed by the Board adopting the proposal.

In March 1871 Rev. Leroy M. Vernon was appointed superintendent of our Mission in Italy with temporary residence at Genoa.

December 1872 the head quarters of the Mission was fixed at Bologna. Services were formally inaugurated July 22, 1873.

The Mission, was organized into an Annual Conference in 1881 Bishop Merrill presiding.

In 1886 Bishop Foss transferred the Rev. William Burt from the New York East Conference to the Italy Conference.

In 1888 Rev. Dr. Vernon returned to the United States.

In 1893 Bishop Joyce transferred the Rev. N. Walling Clark from the Germany Conference to the Italy Conference.

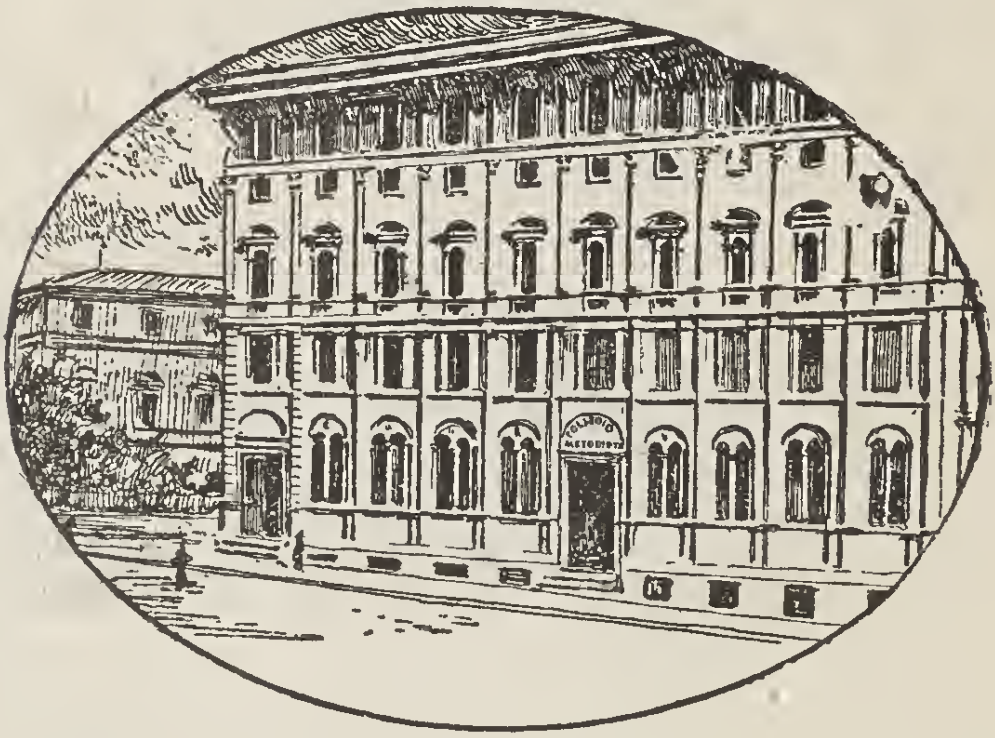
At present we have 31 organized Churches or Stations and 10 other places regularly visited by our preachers.

There are 23 members of the Annual Conference and 8 in the different classes on trial making a total of 31. Of these eleven are graduates of our Theological School.

Members and Probationers	2326
Gain in one year of	331
Conversions during last year	656
Sunday School – Scholars and Teachers	1194
Day School – Scholars	792
Theological School	18
Boys College	38
Girl's School	59
Young Ladies School	77
Boy's Industrial School, Venice	34

Net value of Property	210,000.00	Dollars
Total collections during the year	3,228.82	»
Total local receipts including Schools	16,345.22	»

There is no Church better adapted by its doctrines, spirit, usages and organization to take the lead in the work of evangelization in Italy than the Methodist Episcopal. Wherever we have had a fair trial we have succeeded. Last among the denominations to enter the field we are fast finding our place among the leaders.



Boys' College Rome.

Dates	Members	Probationers	Total Members	Sunday School Scholars and Teachers	Total local receipts	Net value of property	Appropriation for the year	For the work only
					Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
1888	883	161	1044	392	917.75	52,000	52,257	36,237
1899	1636	690	2326	1194	16,345.23	210,000	40,511	34,926
Gain	753	529	1282	802	15,427.48	168,000		
Less							11,746	1,311

Of the 34,960 dollars appropriated for the work in 1899 we must deduct the sum appropriated for those departments of the work which did not exist in 1888, as for instance, the Theological School, the Boy's College, the Industrial School, and the Press, total 8,500 dollars, leaving only 26,420 dollars or 10,000 dollars less than in 1888.

The ladies have now also a Creche for little Children: a Home School for girls; and a Young Ladies Boarding School, all centers of increasing influence.

The Young Ladies School in three years has become as nearly self-supporting as any similar school of our church at home or abroad. In opposition to this school the Jesuits have organized a Society with the blessing of the Pope and with special indulgences granted to the zealous who will work for its destruction.

Girls' Home School.

The Press.

Besides own weekly paper l'*Evangelista* and our monthly illustrated l'*Aurora* and the *Quarterly* for Sunday School Teachers we have issued from our Press this year a new Hymnal, with 632 well selected hymns, in two editions, one with music and the other without music. This publication will certainly mark an epoch in our Mission since it introduces into our work hearty Methodist singing.

Mr. Samuel H. Pye of St. Louis in a letter to the Central Advocate June 14, 1899 says:

"I was impressed with the musical tendency of the Italians while attending the services of our Italian Church, Rome. In a congregation of four hundred it seemed that every one from the youngest to the oldest joined heartily in the service of song and such singing I never heard before."

What a power our Publishing House would become, if it could be enlarged to meet the actual demands. We urgently need about 2500 dollars for a new Press, a small gas engine, and some new type.

Evidences of Success.

Our success cannot yet be measured by simple statistics, though these are encouraging. Among the most encouraging indications of our success and of promise for the future we would mention the following.

1. The preparation of future leaders in our Schools.

2. The presence already among our ministers of eleven young men trained in our schools.

3. Our changed position especially since the erection of our new building in Rome. The Liberals who would be our friends have more confidence in our future. We are better known than ever before and we enjoy the sincere sympathy of thousands of Italian patriots. The King himself has on several occasions expressed his interest in our work.

4. Our changed position among the Evangelical denominations in Italy. The success of our Church in any country is not simply in that which she has accomplished directly, but also in that which in the Providence of God she has been called to accomplish through her influence on sister Churches.

Let me quote here the observations of one of our ministers:

"Twelve years ago no one could speak of our influence for we were influenced instead of exerting an influence on others."

But now we can speak of our influence which is being exerted in the following particulars.

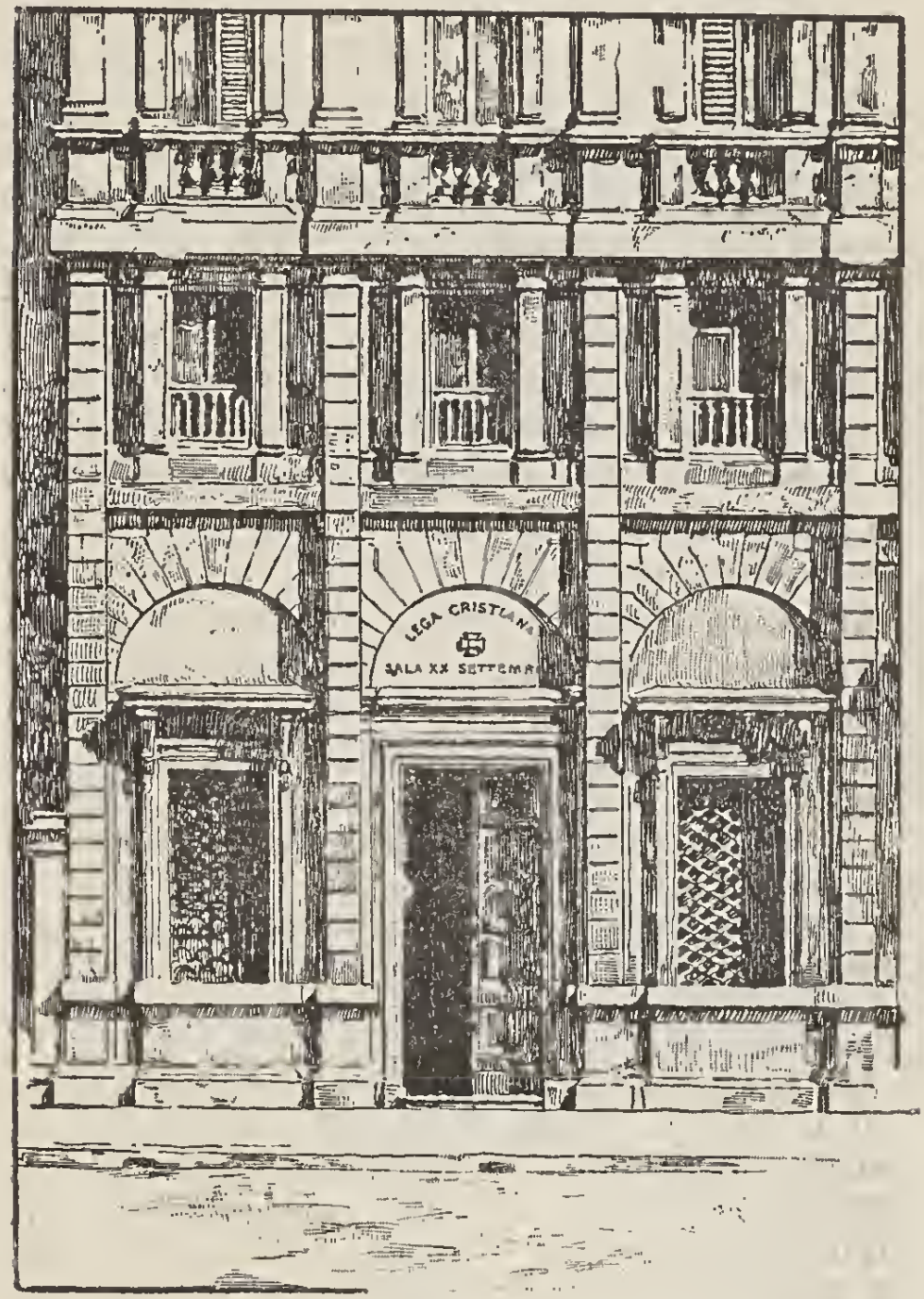
a) We have introduced the element of joy into christian worship.

There is more fervor and enthusiasm in the singing. The sermons are rendered more interesting and effective by means of illustrations and direct appeals to the heart and conscience,

b) We have introduced the custom of giving as a part of christian worship.

c) We are exercising a most salutary influence in reference to the activity of the laity in all the churches.

d) Our influence however is being felt most in our seasons of revival, which we pray God to bless to His glory in all the Churches.



Entrance to the Epworth League Hall, Rome.

Our more urgent needs.

1. Money with which to pay the debt on our Building at Rome. To accomplish this some will give a 1000 dollars a year for five years, others 500; others 100; and still others will give what they can in one definite sum. Let not the Roman Catholic world know that the great Methodist Episcopal Church has not Protestant fervour enough to pay off in five years, if not in one year, every cent of said debt. It can be done, and it must be done!

We already have several memorial tablets in the Building and we shall be glad to add others.

2. A Building for the Young Ladies School, Rome. We cannot accept one half of the young ladies who are asking admission to our School. We have two or three splendid offers of property for sale. Who will furnish the necessary 50,000 dollars.

3. A Building for the Preparatory Department of our Boy's College Rome. We cannot rent a place, but we can buy to advantage. We need about 15,000 dollars. Who will honor himself and his Lord by giving this Building, and naming it, for our College in Rome.

4. Help for our struggling, heroic Church at S. Marzano Oliveto.

5. A New Press, Engine and Type for our Publishing House.

6. Scholarships for boys and girls who cannot pay full tuition and board in our Schools.

	Full scholarship			Half scholarship
Theological School	120	dollars per year		60
Young Ladies	140	»	»	70
Boys College	75	»	»	40
Girl's Home School	60	»	»	30
Boy's Industrial School	60	»	»	30

The Rev. Dr. Burt, who is at present in the United States on a furlough, will be glad to give any further information in reference to the work either in person or by letter. Donations for any of the above mentioned objects may be sent to the Missionary Secretaries or to Rev. Dr. Burt 150 Fifth Ave, New York City.

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Objects for which the money is given:

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Alessandria – GIOVANNI PONS, *14 Corso Roma.*
Calosso » *6 Via Ghilini.*
Atessa – UMBERTO SARRUBBI.
Adria – ALBERTO MORSIANI.
Bari - RICCARDO SANTI, *71 Sanarrica Visconti.*
Bologna - VITTORIO BANI, *3 Via del Carbone.*
» CRISANZIO BAMBINI P. E., *22 Via Indipendenza.*
Dovadola (supplied from Forlì).
Florence - COSTANTINO TOLLIS, *2 Via S. Gallo.*
Foggia - DANIELE RIVOIRE, *Piazza della Prefettura.*
Forlì and Faenza – AUGUSTO MANINI.
Genoa - DOMENICO POLSINELLI, *1 Via Venti Settembre.*
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Lausanne (Circuit) - EDOARDO TOURN, P. E., *13 Rue Prè du Marchè.*
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Milan (2nd Church) - ANGELO PENNINETTI, *12 Corso Loreto.*
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Pontedera (supplied from Pisa).
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Rome (American Church) – *38 Via Firenze.*
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Sestri Ponente and Pegli - UGO BAZOLI, *23 Via Aurelio Saffi*, Sestri.

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Turin - GIACOMÒ CARBONERI, P. E., *13 Via Lagrange.*

Trieste (Austria) - FELICE DARDI, *2 Via del Bosco.*

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Girls' Home School - Directress Miss E. M. HALL, Matron Miss IDA M. BOWNE, *38 Via Garibaldi.*

Isabelle Creche – Matron, Miss P. QUARATESI, *Via Conte Verde*, Rome.

Boys' Industrial School - Directress Mrs. A. R. ANTONINI, *923 Canaregio*, Venice.